Gazetted Officers in the Medical and the P. W. Departments.

72. *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a caste-war statement of the Gazetted Officers in the Medical and the Public Works Departments as at present?

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The statements are laid on the table.

Scarcity of water in the Vaikom Town.

73. *MR. V. MADHAVAN (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of water in the Vaikom town; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Government have taken any step towards the removal of this defect?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. V. MADHAVAN: May I know the steps taken in this matter?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The matter is under investigation. We have ordered for a pump and when it arrives we will proceed with the matter.

MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): വൈക്കം ടൗണിൽ വെള്ള ത്തിനു പ്രയാസമുണ്ടെന്ന് മനസ്സിലാക്കിയിട്ട് എത്രനാളായി?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: To my knowledge only two months.

PRESIDENT: I have been aware of Vaikom and Kottayam for ten years.

Land ghat at Kuruppamthara.

74. *MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether formerly an estimate has been prepared and lands surveyed for the construction of land ghat at Kuruppamthara Market terminus;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons for neglecting the work; and

(*c*) if not, whether they propose to take the necessary steps for the same in view of the fact that it is an imminent necessity?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Due to the unsuitability of the site originally selected and to the local opposition to the change from that site.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*).

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